Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

NEW FARE STRUCTURE Starting January 2014

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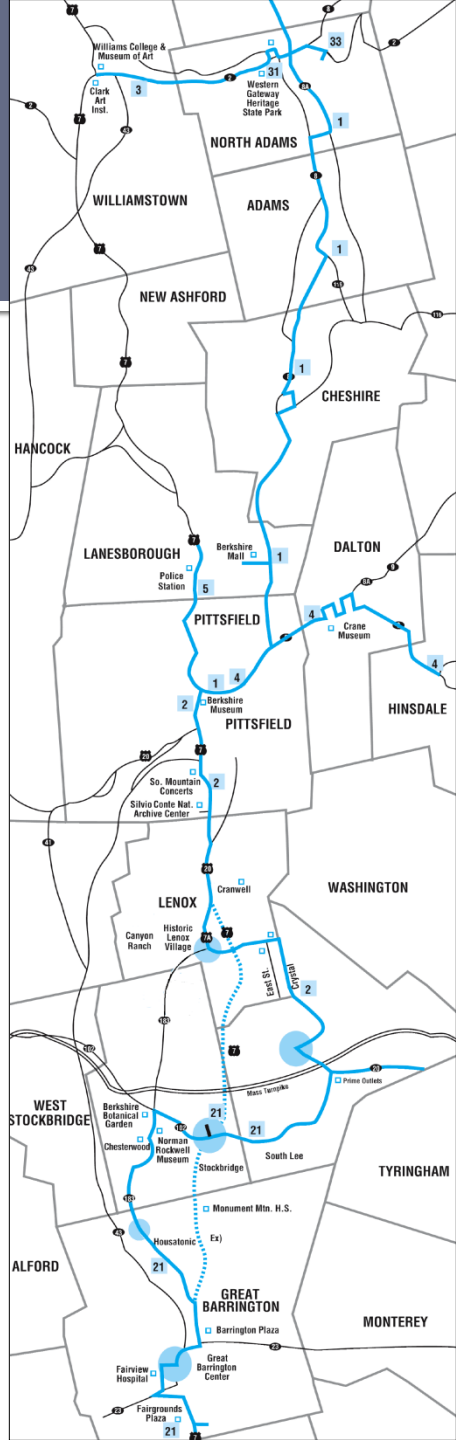
Fixed Route Structure

- Town-based
- ***1. Local***
  - Travel in-town and or to an adjoining town
  - Example: Pittsfield to Lanesborough; or Adams to North Adams
  - Travel between Pittsfield/Dalton/Hinsdale will become Local
- ***2. Systemwide***
  - Travel through 3+ towns
  - Example: Pittsfield to Cheshire/Adams/North Adams/Williamstown
- Transfers (i.e. changing buses within one trip) with <u>CharlieCard only</u>
  - Within 60 minutes of exiting the bus
  - Free local transfers
  - Discounted systemwide transfer (“step-up fare”) - $2.20.



Fixed Route Fares

	Single Ride Cash		Single Ride Charlie Card	
	Full Fare	Half Fare*	Full Fare	Half Fare*
Local	$1.75	85 cents	$1.40	70 cents
Systemwide	$4.50	$2.25	$3.60	$1.80

*Elderly (60+), Medicare, Disabled with Mass. Access Pass
AND Students, Kindergarten through Grade 12.

- Free for children under 5 (2 per paying adult)
- Student passes
  - $26 per 30-day pass systemwide (Students K-12 only)
  - $250 per semester systemwide (College Students only)
    - Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 (Fall)
    - Jan. 1 to May 31 (Spring)

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Fixed Route Passes

	Unlimited Rides 1-day Pass	Unlimited Rides 7-day Pass		Unlimited Rides 30-day Pass	
	Full & Disc Fare*	Full Fare	Disc Fare*	Full Fare	Disc Fare*
Local	none	$13	$10	$52	$39
Systemwide	$10	$35	$26	$140	$105

* Discounted Fare for Elderly (60+), Medicare, Disabled with Mass. Access Pass

Students	Unlimited Rides	
K-12 Students	30-Day Pass Systemwide	$26
College Students	30-Day Pass (Local Full Fare)	$52
	Semester Pass Systemwide (Fall & Spring)	$250 per semester

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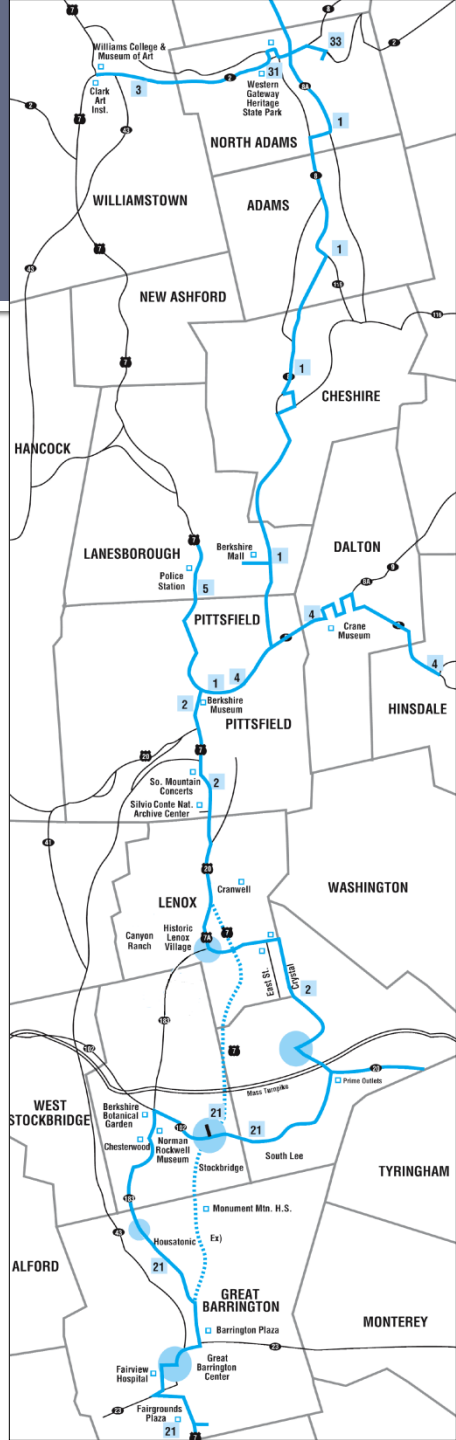
Paratransit ADA Structure

- Town-based

- ***1. Local***
  - Travel in-town – with an origin & destination in-town
    - Example: within Pittsfield
  - Adjoining – with an origin & destination in an adjoining town
    - Example: North Adams to Adams
  - Travel between Pittsfield/Dalton/Hinsdale will become Local

- ***2. Systemwide***
  - Systemwide – with an origin & destination across 3 towns
    - Example: Pittsfield to Cheshire, via Lanesborough
  - Systemwide – with an origin & destination across more than 3 towns
    - Example: Pittsfield to Adams/North Adams, via Lanesborough and Cheshire



Paratransit ADA Fares

New Structure	New Fares
Local (in-town)	$2.50
Local (in-town + adjoining)	$3.50
Systemwide (in-town + 2 towns)	$7.50
Systemwide / Max (in-town + 3+ towns)	$9.00

- Travel patterns for paratransit ADA will remain the same
- Fare remains the same for 1 & 3 towns of travel
- Fare decrease for 2 & 4 towns of travel

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What is CharlieCard?

- Smart card with built in chip – register card online for fare protection
- Plastic – durable, re-useable (10 year expiration)
- Convenient – works from within your wallet or your mitten
- Interoperable – stored value valid on MBTA & other Mass RTA systems
- Save money over cash fares

Summary

- New Fixed Route Fare Structure
  - Local and Systemwide
- CharlieCard Stored Value and Unlimited Ride Passes
- Transfers with CharlieCard only

- New Paratransit Fare Structure
  - Local and Systemwide
- Same or reduced paratransit fares